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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DUTCH PAPER ON NON-INCREASE OF GROUND
FORCES AGREEMENT CIRCULATED AT APRIL 18 SPC (REFTEL).

BEGIN TEXT

PERMANENT DELEGATION OF THE KINGDOM OF THE NETHERLANDS
TO THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL

NO. 2692 BRUSSELS, APRIL 18, 1974.

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SPEAKING NOTES

SPC-MEETING APRIL 18, 1974

SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY VIEWS OF THE NETHERLANDS AUTHORITIES ON A
NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT.

MY AUTHORITIES HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO A FORMAL ALLIED
ASSURANCE THAT THE DIRECT (WESTERN) PARTICIPANTS WILL NOT INCREASE
THEIR FORCES TO COMPENSATE FOR THE AGREED US WITHDRAWALS. HOWEVER,
THE CONTENT OF SUCH ASSURANCE AND THE FORM IN WHICH IT WILL BE
GIVEN SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE OUR GOALS AT THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.
PARTICULARLY, ONE SHOULD AVOID A NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT THAT WOULD
BY ITSELF CREATE SUCH AN ATTRACTIVE SITUATION FOR THE SOVIET UNION
THAT ITS INTEREST IN AN EARLY SECOND PHASE AGREEMENT WOULD DECREASE
CONSIDERABLY.

A NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE SUBJECT TO
THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY PRESENTED AND FORMULATED AS A MEANS OF
LINKING THE FIRST AND THE SECOND PHASE;
2. IT SHOULD BE LINKED EXPLICITLY TO EASTERN ACCEPTANCE OF THE CON-
CEPT OF THE COMMON CEILING; THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD BE MET BY THE
INCLUSION OF THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT IN THE FIRST PHASE AGREE-
MENT;
3. IN ORDER NOT TO UNDERMINE THE SOVIET INTEREST IN A SECOND PHASE
AGREEMENT, THIS COMMITMENT SHOULD BE LIMITED IN DURATION TO A
MAXIMUM PERIOD OF TWO YEARS; A PROVISION MIGHT BE ADDED TO THE
EFFECT THAT AN EXTENSION WOULD BE POSSIBLE BY MUTUAL CONSENT
PROVIDED THAT REASONABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AT THE NEGOTIA-
TIONS; SUCH A PERIOD COULD START EITHER AT THE SIGNING OF THE
FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT, OR AT THE ENTERING INTO FORCE OF THE AGREE-
MENT (AFTER RATIFICATION, IF NECESSARY), OR AT THE BEGINNING OF
THE IMPLEMENTATION; THE CHOICE BETWEEN THESE POSSIBILITIES WILL
PARTLY DEPEND ON THE CONTENT AND FORM OF THE FIRST PHASE AGREEMENT
ITSELF;
4. IT SHOULD NOT RESULT, NEITHER EXPLICITLY NOR IMPLICITLY, IN
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THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL SUBCEILINGS FOR THE VARIOUS
DIRECT EUROPEAN PARTICIPANTS;

5. NOR SHOULD IT AFFECT THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE FIRST PHASE
REDUCTIONS WILL NECESSARILY CREATE CEILINGS FOR US AND SOVIET
FORCES: A LIMITATION ON THE SOVIET FORCE LEVEL IN THE
REDUCTION AREA IS, INDEED, ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT AIMS AT
THE MBFR TALKS;
 6. IT SHOULD NOT IMPEDE QUALITATIVE FORCE IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS
MODERNIZATION OF EQUIPMENT.
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